

AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

The Senatorial Situation as Much in the Dark as Ever.

PRESIDENT CARR'S TACTICS.

Now Believed by Many that he is Laying his Pins for the Governorship and to Appoint Wilson Senator-Saturday's Ballot.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 17.—The result of the Democratic conference last night was just what everybody expected, and was the same as all the preceding ones. Thirteen of the statesmen did not put in an appearance, but those who were engaged in some lively sparring. Some gentlemen were disposed to speak their mind pretty freely and for a time it seemed that the conference would break up in a row. Nothing being done, an adjournment was taken for refreshment. The Democrats are determined to stand by their man, whom they ought to know has no show of capturing the prize.

In joint session yesterday the Laborers returned to Neal. Why they left him after the announcement that they would stick to him until the close of the week is not explained, and why Carr failed to make good the predictions of the Democrats, that he would vote for Kenna, is likewise unexplained.

The Democrats are in a predicament nearly every one, and it is doubtful if any person fully understands them. Carr has announced himself as a candidate for Senator, and also says he will swear in as Governor on March 4. Carr is not a man to be trifled with, and he has many strings to his bow, and he will likely break all of them.

There are strong indications that he is being played against Goff for Governor. It has the appearance of a game by which Carr will get an extra session of the Legislature in the event that this one is not prolonged, and that he will convene it on the 23d of February.

SATURDAY'S BALLOTING.

The Final Result.—The Laborers Return to Neal. The Democrats are in a predicament nearly every one, and it is doubtful if any person fully understands them.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Five ballots for United States Senator were taken yesterday, the only exciting feature being that Mr. Ford, of Raleigh county, on the second ballot deserted Mr. Kenna and voted with Mr. Dorr for Hon. R. P. Chew the remaining three ballots.

Carr did not follow up his action of Friday in voting for Goff by any further attempt to bring about an election. He and his companions, Harr and Kirk, returned to their first love and voted for Wirt K. Neal. While Carr's action was no surprise to the Republicans, who have ceased to be surprised at anything that statesman may take it in his head to do, was a decided disappointment to the Democrats, who expected him to give Mr. Kenna a lift.

The first ballot resulted; Goff, 39; Kenna, 40; Wirt K. Neal, 3; J. B. Jackson, 1. Necessary to a choice, 42. Messrs. Harr, Carr and Kirk voted for Neal, and the four votes for another son. With the exception of Mr. Ford's break from Kenna in the second, the other ballots showed no change.

The proceedings in the Senate and House yesterday were purely of a routine character and void of any interest.

THE DEMOCRATIC COURSE.

Democrats in Judge Fleming's County won Disapproval of 24-Hour. Fountain Smith's Opinion.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. SINC, Mr. F. T. Martin, the versatile correspondent of the Register at this place, has taken the trouble to say in that paper of this date that ex-Senator Fountain Smith did not express the opinion concerning the constitutionality of the Democratic action at Charleston.

"As published in the Intelligencer and copied in the West Virginian." Further, he says the opinion is not endorsed by the "good Democrats" of Marion county. We had not taken the trouble heretofore to consider whether there is such a distinction between Democrats as that raised by the Register's we are not to believe, viz: That there are Democrats there that cleave to "good" or "bad" who do not hesitate to condemn the revolutionary tactics of their party's representatives at Charleston, and further, that ex-Senator Smith is one of them.

He has expressed the opinion "published in the West Virginian" to too many persons for any doubt to exist as to his position, and the only surprise is that the "total clerk Martin, with all his stock of self-assurance, should attempt to deny the statement made by Mr. Smith's views.

Fairmont, W. Va., Feb. 17.

NOT PERMITTED TO GO.

Colored Laborers Compelled by White People to Remain in North Carolina.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 17.—Col. John P. Richardson, one of the most extensive cotton-growers in the South, and the owner of twenty-six large plantations in Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi, has just returned from North Carolina, where he went to employ negroes to work on his farms. He reports that the action of the negro in that State was deplorable. He engaged a large number of hands, but when he applied to the railroad companies for transportation for them it was refused, even after full fare had been tendered for their tickets. The railroad officials had been prevailed upon by the white people not to allow the negroes to leave the State. The negroes came very nearly organizing a mob when they found that they were not to be allowed to accept the employment offered them by Colonel Richardson.

A Fatal Wreck.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Feb. 17.—A freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad ran into an open switch near Denison, Ohio, last night and was wrecked. An unknown train was stealing a ride, was killed, and a brakeman named Parke seriously injured.

A WOMAN'S BREAK.

She Deserts Her Family and Goes West with Two of Her Husbands' Employers. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Last Friday Mrs. "Doc" Callaway, of Trap Hill, Raleigh county, eloped with J. P. Kidd and Walter Cook, and is supposed to be in Kansas. Kidd and Cook had been employed by Callaway some months, and there was a great deal of dark talk among the neighbors concerning strong ties of affection that seemed to exist between them and Mrs. Callaway, but was kept from the ears of her husband, who is a highly respected and well-to-do farmer, one of the most substantial in the county.

The men had made preparation to go West, and on the morning of the elopement approached Mr. Callaway and demanded his wife, saying: "We could not leave without her." He surrendered her without a word, and gave her \$200 and bade her "God speed." She kissed her children, five in number, good-bye before leaving, and seemed to be very composed in packing her trunks. She passed through Raleigh Court-house in Mr. Callaway's buggy, and made no secret of what she had done and was going to do. Mr. Callaway resides in a commodious house, well furnished, and is universally liked. It is said by those who know that he was unusually kind and indulgent to his wife and children. Why she deserted him is a mystery.

SAD CASE OF SUICIDE.

A Respected Wood County Lady Hangs Herself.—The Cause Unknown.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Matilda Woomer, a highly respected widow, aged about 40 years, committed suicide Friday night at her home near Belleville, this county. That afternoon she gave her youngest child, George, two dollars to buy himself a pair of shoes, and told him to be a good boy and not learn to swear. Then she tied a piece of crepe to the window curtains and laid out some clean clothing for herself. About 8 o'clock she went to bed as usual, and was not missed until yesterday. The children began to search and soon found her lying face down in the stable near the house. She had hanged herself with a rope. She leaves three children. The funeral occurred to-day. No explanation has been given of the deed, as she had always been considered a lady of good mind.

WAS A PROFESSIONAL CROOK.

The Hotel Thief at Parkersburg Sent Up for Trial.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 17.—E. A. Woods, of Topeka, Kansas, who attempted to rob his room mate at the Commercial hotel, this city, a few nights ago, was found guilty, and yesterday afternoon Judge Borman sentenced him to the penitentiary at Moundsville, for a term of five years.

Woods is a professional hotel crook and a slick one. He is a dandy masher also and had picked up the acquaintance of several young girls here. He was flying high until the police got him.

The Versatile Liar at Work.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, Feb. 17.—A wild telegram in the Cincinnati Post of this morning, sent from Parkersburg, says that John Elamer, of Wirt county, got drunk, killed his wife, his two daughters and the hired girl and then burned the house.

Careful inquiry at Elizabeth to-day proves that it is every word untrue. There is nobody in that county of that name and nothing of that kind ever happened there. The Cincinnati Post, it is learned, got the news from the same source in the same paper about the killing of six men, a woman and a mule in Pleasant county, by the explosion of a boiler, which probably will turn out to be a canard also.

Serious Stabbing Affray.

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BROKE UP IN A ROW.

The Fight of Blood Ties in a Faction of the Labor Union.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Central Labor Union meeting to-day adjourned soon after convening, in the midst of a row which threatened to be attended with many bloody heads. The socialist faction retired from the hall in response to a call that all leave who desired to reorganize the union. A delegate in the rear of the hall got into a fight and received a bruised face. He ran forward to the platform covered with blood. The fight of blood, however, was not the only one. The socialist faction and the Socialists bared their arms to meet the expected battle. Some blows were exchanged, and then the Chairman sprang from the platform and declared the meeting adjourned.

A SHOCKING TRAGEDY.

A Michigan Man Wipes Out His Entire Family, Including Himself.

TUCUMCARI, MICH., Feb. 17.—A shocking tragedy occurred in this village last night by which a whole family has been wiped out of existence. Frank L. Silvers, a well known horse breeder, shot his wife and two daughters, Edith and Ida, aged eleven and nine years respectively, and then shot himself with a revolver. The bodies were found this morning by neighbors, who, noticing that the curtains were drawn, and failing to arouse any one, forced open a door. In the parlor lay the body of Mrs. Silvers, fully dressed. The bodies of the children were found in bed upstairs, and in the same room on the floor lay Silvers, writhing in blood and still breathing. Every one of the victims had been shot through the temple.

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LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 16.—Sgt. W. S. yesterday entered in the name of the State of Kentucky against Manager Charles Smith, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, for \$800 for failure to properly report the company's property for taxation.

THE WORK IN CONGRESS.

What is Mapped Out for the Closing Days of the Session.

MEASURES YET TO BE PASSED.

The Question of the Constitutionality of the Senate Tariff Bill to be Raised in the House.—The Internal Revenue Bill, &c.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Present indications point to a week of business activity in the Senate. Mr. Hale will to-morrow call up his census bill, with amendments recommended by the committee, and heretofore outlined in his dispatches. To-morrow is also the day assigned for the presentation to Congress by Senator Palmer, on behalf of the State of Michigan, of a bronze statue of Lewis Cass, now standing veiled in Statuary Hall.

After a week's hard work the subcommittee in charge of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, have completed it for submission to the full committee to-morrow morning, and probably to the Senate during the day, so that it may be taken up Tuesday. The committee amendments make a large increase over the amount appropriated by the house.

Chairman Allison expects that the entire week, after Monday, will be occupied by the consideration of appropriation bills. The diplomatic, and consular, and military academy bills have passed both houses, and gone to the President for signature. Legislative and pension bills are in conference, the National bill is before the House Committee on Appropriations, with Senate amendments; the sundry civil, army and agricultural bills have passed the House and are before the Senate Committee; the Indian, Post Office, Deficiency and River and Harbor bills have been reported to the House, and are still on the calendar. All these bills will undoubtedly get through before the adjournment, if they become law in anything like the shape given them by the Senate, they will go far towards disposing of an argument for an extra session of Congress this spring.

The agreement upon the direct tax bill was put out about \$20,000,000 of the appropriations that seem to be agreed upon as necessary, and will practically absorb the balance for the coming year, in the opinion of those who have made a study of the bill.

In the past week there has been a decided change of sentiment on the question of an extra session, and among Senators at least, the conviction now is quite general that an extra session will not be called before the adjournment. The direct tax bill, however, is a question of conference committee upon appropriation bills are likely to come in this week, where the differences between the houses are small, as is the case on the Pension and the Legislative bill, which the committee on the part of the Senate, will probably be ushered in by a day of filibustering on "suspension Monday."

Mr. Outwater, of Ohio, chairman of the Committee on Pacific Railroads, stated yesterday that he would offer, under a suspension of the rules, a resolution fixing an early day for the consideration of the Union Pacific funding bill. Mr. Mills, has signified his intention of coming upon Tuesday, and the direct tax bill, on the committee on ways and means, declaring that the Senate has no constitutional right to originate a tax bill, under the guise of a substitute for a house bill. This will undoubtedly give rise to a debate, in which the committee on the question of the comparative merits of the Mills bill and the Senate substitute. Dependent on the outcome of this debate and the vote which will follow, the question whether or not the Mills bill will remain upon the calendar as the first barrier to be encountered by the friends of the Cowley bill, when, on Wednesday, or Thursday, Mr. Randall will ask the house to go into committee on the subject of the direct tax bill, and the committee will be successfully surmounted, two more obstacles will have to be removed or overcome before the Cowley bill can be reached. These are the principal bills which have been reported from the committee on Ways and Means for the purpose of placing in the hands of that committee weapons with which to cope with the question of the direct tax bill, however, are confident of their ability to defeat the Ways and Means Committee in any event.

A BURNING TRAIN.

A Railroad Wreck Takes Fire from Out. A Serious Accident.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 17.—Last night on the Cincinnati Southern railroad, near Oakdale, about five miles north of Chattanooga, a south bound freight train ran into the rear another south bound special freight, while the latter was going through a tunnel and demolished an oil tank containing 2,800 gallons of coal oil. No injury to life or limb is reported, but the oil took fire and burned furiously. Several freight cars have been consumed and the wooden frame work and lining of the tunnel is on fire and will be destroyed. A fire engine has gone to the scene, but the fire is completely blocked at this point.

A Street Car Strike Probable.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Feb. 17.—A tie-up on the Citizens' Traction road is probable. The extra men have been expected 35 cents per hour for work, but it was given out today that they would be granted from 20 cents up. They assert that they will not accept the terms, and if the company refuses to concede their demands a strike will be inaugurated. Superintendent Varner states that the men are under contract, and he does not fear trouble.

Asks to be Excused.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The President announces that, to enable him to dispose of pending business requiring his personal attention before the close of his term of office, it will be an absolute necessity that he have this week for such work, free from interruption, and he must therefore be excused to all callers.

A Free Trade Conference.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A delegation of tax reformers and free traders from these parts, headed by Henry George, left to-night on the 6 o'clock train for Chicago via the New York Central. The conference will take place there on Tuesday. In the party to-day were Rev. Hugh Fenton and Herbert Doggs.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL SYNDICATE.

Mr. Cleveland Involved in a Real Estate Scandal of Huge Dimensions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The President has been negotiating for the sale of Oakview, his country residence, for some time, through the medium of a prominent real estate broker, but so far all attempts to dispose of the place at the price asked have failed.

According to the statements made at the time of the purchase the President paid about \$22,000 for the mansion and something more than twenty acres of land. Improvements which have been put upon the house and land under his supervision have probably cost \$10,000, and consequently the property stands his well on to \$35,000, providing the original price claimed was paid as stated.

There has always been a dispute about this. It has been broadly asserted by several of the most reliable real estate dealers of the city that the President paid only the nominal price of \$1 for the entire property, and that the transaction was arranged by a millionaire real estate syndicate, which had purchased nearly all of the farms of that section, and wanted the President to located there to give the region a boom.

If this was the object the President's purchase, or gift, certainly, had the desired effect. A tremendous boom was started in that direction, and through the influence of the syndicate and the fact of the President's location there the District Commissioners, now two-thirds Democratic, went into the scheme of extending Massachusetts avenue, which greatly enhanced the value of unimproved property in that region at the general expense of tax-payers.

While the syndicate was no hurry to sell they disposed of a large amount of land in subdivisions for lots and villa sites, and while they have not by any means made the pile they anticipated, they have doubtless well covered their investment. For the enormous profits of the original scheme they depended on the re-election of President Cleveland, but that failing, they are, to use a popular vulgarism, "in the soup." The only attraction in that direction, other than the natural greed of the city out from the fashionable northwest section, was the mere fact of the presence of the President's country seat. That removed, the solid bottom was out of the whole business.

The fact that the brilliant scheme of what might be termed the President syndicate did not pan out what was anticipated, on account of the unexpected result of the election, does not deter other speculators from devising a similar plan, and using President Harrison to further their ends. It is already reported that Mr. Harrison is negotiating for the purchase of at least a dozen country seats, and it is well known that he can have any one of several as a gift if he will but take it, and the two stars of the empire in that direction.

But the incoming President is not only acquainted with the geography of the District, but he is well posted as to real estate matters, and he is not likely to fall into the trap of real estate speculators blindly, or to accept with his eyes open a proposition to receive as a gift a country place solely for the purpose of enriching a lot of gamblers in land, however much they may gain personally by the transaction.

ONE OF THE TALLEST.

A Fourteen Story Building Collapses in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—One of the tallest of fine buildings in America collapsed this morning. A number of workmen rushed out just in time to escape being crushed under the mountain of wreckage. The Owning block is the ruin. It was a beautiful gothic structure, fourteen stories high, situated at the corner of Dearborn and Adams streets. The ten lower stories, one after another fell, leaving the walls of the four upper floors and the roof standing in a decidedly shaky position. The roof was damaged by the natural settling of the building. Without the slightest warning the great mass of tiles and girding forming the injured floor crashed to the story below. The men were down in 100 minutes. The best hour's work was that by Jessie Oakes, of 14 miles and 7 laps, or within ten laps of 15 miles. Forty per cent of the gate receipts will be divided among the seven in the race.

The Defunct Bank's Assets.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Feb. 17.—The experts who have been working on the books of the defunct Farmers and Merchants' Bank of the South Side, have announced that the assets of that institution. The statement shows that the liabilities are \$230,000, and the assets \$189,000. It is thought that the depositors will get from 70 to 80 per cent of their deposits. The cashier, H. F. Voegt, has been paid with outstanding funds of the bank, is in jail under \$40,000 bail.

Looked Serious for a While.

SCHMONT, PA., Feb. 17.—Thirty feet of the surface over an abandoned mine on Mulberry street caved in this afternoon, breaking off the gas and water pipes and stopping street cars. Gas from a broken pipe ignited and before the explosion several times with terrific force, the concussion knocking people down and endangering surrounding property. The residents in that section of the city are now without water.

A Fatal Quarrel.

CUMBERLAND, MD., Feb. 17.—This morning about 1 o'clock Harry Creggan, a driver in the National mine of Huetelins Bros., at Midland, got into a quarrel in a saloon with John McGarry, a miner, and in the scuffle was shot, from which he died six hours later. The Sheriff and deputies are now after McGarry.

To Aid Parnell.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—A mass meeting of Irish American residents of this city was held to-night for the purpose of raising money to aid Parnell in his suit against the London Times, Senator Stewart, of Nevada, presided and speeches were made by him, and Representatives Farn and McAdams and others.

A Radical Manifesto.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—A radical manifesto has been finally agreed to and issued. It is mainly devoted to denunciation of General Boulanger, who, it says, did not hesitate to oppose his own program of revision in order to overthrow the Republican ministry.

All Should be Reconciled.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The Frankfurt Gazette suggests that all three Governments interested should recall their present demands, and that they should have interfered over much in the quarrels of the natives.

TAKE IT IN TIME.

"For want of a nail, a shoe was lost; for want of a shoe, a horse was lost; for want of a horse, a rider was lost." Never neglect small things. The first signs of pneumonia and consumption can positively be checked by Dr. Acker's English Remedy for Consumption. C. R. G. Burt, C. Menkemeller, Logan & Co.

Shipments Arrivals.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Arrived, City of Chester, from Liverpool.

THE MAJORITY SELECTIONS.

General Harrison's Cabinet Selections Creating Much Comment.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Feb. 16.—This has been rather a quiet Sabbath and General Harrison has had a day of needed rest. Around the hotels and in the streets, the chief topic has been the visit of Mr. Windom, and varies as to whether he is to go into the cabinet as well as the quality of the appointment. The leading Republicans here are not disposed to talk much on the subject. There is less talk to-day of W. H. H. Miller going into the cabinet than on yesterday, but quite a number of Mr. Miller's friends positively assert that he will be one of the lights. They do not pretend, as has been said, that any specific place, but the intimations are that it will be the Department of Justice. It is known that General Harrison has had for a long time the greatest confidence in a man of legal reputation. Outside of the immediate friends of Mr. Miller, however, there is little credit given to the report.

It was rumored last night that Mr. Noble, of Missouri, who has been mentioned for the Cabinet place, was in the city yesterday, but called upon General Harrison, but nothing certain can be obtained in regard to it, as the rumor will neither be affirmed nor denied at the General's house. It is pretty generally conceded here to-day that Mr. Noble will be a member of the Cabinet. The leading Democrats here are disposed to criticize very severely the making of the Cabinet, so far as it has been announced. In this criticism they are not to be discouraged by the fact that the Republicans are mainly directed at Windom, Wamaker and Noble. The great majority of the Republicans express themselves as highly pleased.

INAUGURATION CENTENNIAL.

Arrangements for the Journey of President Harrison from Philadelphia to New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—At the meeting of the Plan and Scope committee on the centennial of Washington's inauguration, a communication was received from General Wm. S. Stryker, Commissioner from New Jersey, stating that President Harrison would leave Philadelphia at 2 p. m. on Saturday April 27, and would arrive at the depot in Trenton, near the Delaware bridge, at 3 p. m.

Mr. Bayard, commenting on the clamor in certain quarters over the Samon episode, said: "What it is they want me to do is to make a republic out of the people. I do not want to leave the people want to go to Washington. There is no occasion for it. If they do want war they must get another Secretary of State."

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THE BICYCLE RACE.

Miss Stanley Leads to the Finish with Miss Von Bremen Second.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The contest of women on bicycles, which began on Monday last, ended at midnight last night with these scores: Stanley, 624; Von Bremen, 592; Oakes, 522; Sullivan, 516; Lewis, 490; Baldwin, 480; Hart, 401; Woods, 377; McShane, 372; Armando, 273; Brown, 237.

Miss Stanley's record of eight hours for six days is the best by her sex. The fastest 24 miles were covered by her in 10 minutes and 10 seconds. The best hour's work was that by Jessie Oakes, of 14 miles and 7 laps, or within ten laps of 15 miles. Forty per cent of the gate receipts will be divided among the seven in the race.

The contest taken in the round was \$10,212, and the girls share \$4,084. Miss Stanley receives \$1,634; Miss Von Bremen, \$817; Miss Oakes, \$813; Miss Sullivan, \$408; Miss Lewis, \$337; Miss Armando, \$204, and Miss Brown, \$204.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The suspension of Edward Hatch has been announced at the New York Stock Exchange. He was a member of the Exchange since July, 1883.

Cornelius E. Demarest, for many years the trusted bookkeeper of the Passaic Iron Works at Paterson, N. J., was arrested Saturday on the charge of embezzling \$2,800. He was released on bail.

From a report laid before the Canadian Parliament it appears that there are at present 19 lepers confined in the Dominion Asylum at Trenton, New Brunswick. The leprosy is said to have been introduced by the year two new cases were admitted from the surrounding country.

Among the passengers on board the steamship Britannia, arriving yesterday, was the Swiss, Kuhn, who is charged with the murder of a man in Wisconsin. He was taken into custody by a deputy United States marshal, and after a brief delay in New York started for Wisconsin.

At Port Huron, Mich., Mrs. Barney Bender locked her three children, aged 2, 4 and 6 years, in the house while she was down town. The children ran out to the house, and when rescued by neighbors were unconscious. The two youngest children died and the other is not expected to recover.

At Belvidere, Ill., the climax was reached in a war against the steam keepers when the grand jury returned indictments against every liquor man in the city. Nearly eighty indictments were found altogether, for selling liquor to minors and habitual drunkards. The temperance people feel happy in consequence.

An illicit still and a complete, though somewhat antiquated, apparatus for the production of corn whiskey, have been unearthed in Chicago and seized by the United States revenue officers. A dozen or more persons, including several saloonkeepers, are suspected of complicity with the moonshiners, and a number of arrests will be made by the Government authorities. A local paper says that right in the heart of the city there are a number of "still" with a daily capacity of over fifty gallons.

At Church's Ferry, Dak., Sheriff Flynn had another tussle with the half-breeds in attempting to collect taxes. The Sheriff seized some horses belonging to a half-breed. He was overtaken before reaching town by a mounted band of half-breeds, armed with guns. They took the horses from the Sheriff and rode off, firing their guns and hooting in the Indian fashion. A number of the Dakota National Guard, accompanied by the Sheriff, went to the scene and the half-breeds were arrested.

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PECULIARLY AMERICAN.

Secretary of State Bayard Defends his Foreign Policy.

And the Course of the Administration.—He Attempts to Reply to Those who have Criticized his Acts in the Premises.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 17.—A Washington special to the Baltimore Sun, based on a conversation held with Mr. Bayard, gives an outline of the policy which has controlled the actions of the Department of State during the past four years. It has been frequently asserted that Mr. Bayard has had no policy, whereas he has all along had a very definite and a peculiarly American policy. He believes that the American people have a higher and a nobler destiny than that of swaggering among the nations of the earth, "daring somebody," to use a homely expression, "to knock a chip off their shoulder." He thinks it is the impression to take the lead among nations in substituting pacific methods for force in settling international disputes.

Mr. Bayard's theory of statesmanship is that nothing should be done to disturb or imperil our peaceful condition, but that, on the contrary, the highest duty of the patriot is to contribute, as far as he can, to the perpetuation and development of his idea. His idea is that the military spirit of the United States is a republic in so far as it is necessary for the purpose of defense. Encourage the military spirit in this country, says Mr. Bayard, and you would soon have a war. A war necessarily means an army and if our army is to be a republic, it must be so in so far as it is necessary for the purpose of defense. Encourage the military spirit in this country, says Mr. Bayard, and you would soon have a war.

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The principle of neutralization by international agreement to the Samoan Islands. The proposition that the United States should guarantee the neutrality of those islands seemed to him to be wise, for the reason that it would secure the neutrality of an independent sovereignty, especially one as weak as Samoa, would be to expose this country to the constant risk of embroilment in relation to Samoa with other powers, who would be responsible to whatever Samoa might choose to do without the power to regulate her conduct. It would be cheaper to annex the islands at once—for then, in assuming the responsibility of defense, we would be responsible to the United States for the protection of the islands. The only adequate protection is to be secured by neutralization of the canal by consent of all the powers.

AN EXEMPLARY GATHERING.

The Anticipated Trouble at Feast Did Not Occur.

PERIN, Feb. 17.—The demonstration against the military bill took place to-day as announced. There was 30,000 persons in the procession. Speeches were made against the Government, and there were frequent shouts of "Down with Tiaza." When the procession arrived at the Emperor's palace there was a remarkable demonstration of loyal enthusiasm. The air was rent with shouts of "Elen!" for the Emperor, and the crowd was completely refrained from the behavior of the paraders was exemplary. At 6 o'clock they dispersed quietly.

It is estimated that there were 100,000 persons in the streets during the procession. At a late hour everything was quiet.

For Bismarck's Benefit.

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